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A LITTLE CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL WAY



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SIX BOOKS IN THE SERIES
EACH BOOK COMPLETE IN ITSELF



F O R E W O R D

As every little baptized child is a "temple of the Living God," when a parent or teacher is teaching Christ's principles to one of these little children, that parent or teacher is dealing directly with God. For that parent or teacher is co-operating with God within His temple, helping to make brighter and stronger God's image and likeness within the child.

That many parents and teachers may co-operate with God in helping to make brighter and stronger God's image and likeness in many, many little children is the prayer of

The Author.

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DO YOU give your love to some people?

Do some people give their love to you?

There is Someone Who gives all people greater love than anyone else can give.

Book One of "A Little Child's First Communion" tells about The One Who gives all the love in the world.



HERE is a story about a boy called Tom. Would you like to read the story?

For a long time Tom wanted a dog of his own. No one but his sister Ann

STORIES
ABOUT
GIFTS
OF
LOVE

A
STORY
ABOUT
TOM



knew that Tom wanted a dog. And Ann could not buy Tom a dog because she did not have any money.

Tom's birthday was the seventh of March. When he came home from school on his birthday he heard a dog barking. He thought it was some visitor's dog; but when he looked at the dog's collar it said: "Bobby. Owned by Tom White, twenty-eight Park Street."

Tom did not know who gave him Bobby. All that his father and mother said, was — "Someone who loves you very much gave you Bobby."

Tom knew that his father and mother had much more love for him than other

people had. So he was sure that Bobby was a gift from one of them.

Can you tell a story about something which you like because it was given to you by someone who loves you very much?



ONE DAY after school, as Ann was opening the door of her own little room, she heard a strange sound. She listened. She heard tick, tick, tick.

She opened the door. She looked about to see what made the tick, tick, tick. She saw something on the table which she had not seen there before.

A
STORY
ABOUT
ANN

What do you think Ann saw on the table in her little room? She saw a pretty clock. Near the clock was a small piece of paper and on the paper was written: "For Ann. With much love."

Ann was not sure who had given her the clock, but she knew that her father and mother had much more love for her than other people had. So Ann was happy to think that the clock was a gift from them.

Can you tell a story about something that you did for your father and mother because you loved them?

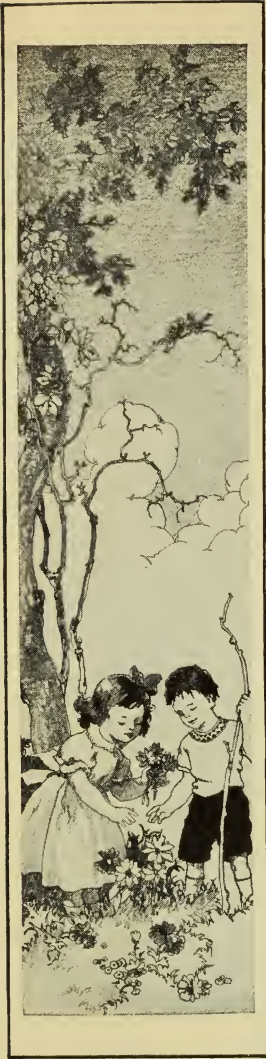


LET US make believe that James, John, William, Michael and Paul lived in five different make-believe worlds.

James lived in a make-believe world where there was not a dog or a horse or a cow. In this make-believe world there were no animals at all. So James said: "Oh, how I wish there were live things running around on the earth so that I could see them and keep them with me and play with them!"

William lived in a make-believe world where there was not a tree or a flower or any grass. There was nothing in that world but the ground and rocks and stones.

MAKE-
BELIEVE
WORLDS



What do you think he said? William said: "Oh, I wish the ground could be covered with something soft and green and I wish there could be something to make it shady when the sun shines, and I wish there were some pretty red and yellow and violet things growing everywhere on the green!"

John lived in a make-believe world where there was no moon or stars at night and where there was no sun at all. This make-believe world was dark and cold. So John said: "Oh, I wish there could be something to give light all day long, and something to keep me warm, and I wish there could be pretty bright lights in the sky at night!"

Michael lived in a make-believe world that was all land. In this make-believe world there was no ocean or lake or river or pond. So Michael wished and wished that he could wade and swim and sail and feel the cool breezes when it was hot.

Paul lived in a make-believe world where there were no fathers or mothers or brothers or sisters. No people were there at all. Paul said: "Oh, I wish there were people here who knew me and took care of me and did good things for me. I wish there were people here who loved me!"

PROJECT WORK

Draw the five make-believe worlds.

Under each picture write a sentence telling what is missing in that make-believe world.



STORIES
ABOUT
SOMEONE
WHOM
WE
HAVE
NOT
SEEN

TOM AND Ann read about the five boys and the make-believe worlds.

When they read about James who lived in the make-believe world where there was not a dog or a horse or a cow, they said:

“Someone is good!

“Someone has given us dogs and horses and cows and all kinds of animals.

“Someone must love us very much!”

When they read about William who lived in the make-believe world where there were no trees or flowers or grass and where there was nothing but dirt and rocks and stones, they said: “Someone has given us trees and flowers and grass.

"Someone must love us very much!"

When they read about John who lived in the make-believe world where there was no moon at night or not even a star and where there was no sun all day long, Tom said: "I would not like to live in a world like that." And Ann said:

"Someone is good to us!"

"Someone has given us a moon and stars to light the night and a sun to make the day bright and to keep us warm.

"Someone must love us very much!"

When they read about Michael who lived in the make-believe world where there was land but no ocean, or lake or river or pond, they said:



"Someone is very good!

"Someone has given us ponds and rivers and lakes and the big oceans.

"Someone must love us very much!"

When they read about Paul who lived in the make-believe world where there were no fathers or mothers or brothers or sisters and no one to take care of him and do good things for him, they said:

"Someone is very good to us!

"Someone has given us fathers and mothers and other people who know us and do good things for us.

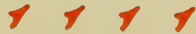
"Someone must love us very much!"



Then Ann said to Tom: "I wish we could see THE ONE Who gave us the moon, the stars, the sun, the animals, the trees, the flowers, the grass, the rivers, the lakes, the oceans, our fathers and mothers and all the people who love us."

Project Work

Find pictures of the things that are missing in each make-believe world. Paste these pictures in your First Communion Notebook, or on project pages. And under each picture write what Tom and Ann said when they read about that make-believe world.





WHO CARES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Music by
CORNELIA S. CRANE

Who fills the sky with stars so bright?

Who keeps all chil - dren in His care?

Who gives us dai - ly warmth and light?

Whose love and gifts are ev - 'ry-where?

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ask your father or mother to write your name in the blank spaces and to sign the page if you have done this work correctly.

.....can tell what was missing in James' make-believe world, and what James said.

.....can tell what was missing in William's, John's, Michael's and Paul's make-believe worlds and what William, John, Michael and Paul said.

.....can tell what Tom and Ann said when they read about James; about William; about John; about Michael; about Paul.

.....can tell what Ann said about The One Who gave us all the good things we see in the world.

.....can say or sing the verse: "Who Cares for Little Children."

.....has finished the project work asked for on pages 7 and 11.



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THE
PRIEST'S
STORY

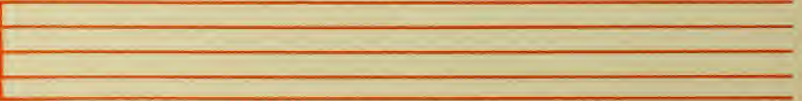
ON THE way to their First Communion class Tom and Ann were talking about the make-believe worlds.

Tom said to Ann: "Let us ask the priest to tell us more about The One Whom we cannot see."



That night Tom and Ann told their mother what the priest had said to them. This is what they told their mother:

"God gave us the moon, the stars, the sun, the animals, the trees, the flowers, the rivers, the oceans, and our fathers and mothers. These are all God's gifts of love,
"FOR GOD IS LOVE.



"GOD IS ALSO THE GREAT
GIVER OF LOVE.

"AND HE IS OUR FATHER.

"He is doing good things for us all the
time. But the priest said that

"The very best thing God does for us
is to give us

"OF HIS LOVE.

"He told us to ask God every day to
give us more and more of His Love. For,
he said,

"When God's Love is in us, we are
God's very dear children.



“Then the priest gave us this little card with these prayers on it.

“He said that he knew you would help us to learn the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love.”

AN ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I believe that You are my Father. I believe that You love me.

AN ACT OF HOPE

O my God, I hope that I shall always keep Your Love in me.

AN ACT OF LOVE

O my God and my Father, I love You. Please give me more and more of Your Love.





ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Music by
CORNELIA S. CRANE

O God I be-lieve in Thy dear love for me; For from
Thee comes all good in this world here be-low; Dearest
God fill my heart with Thy Faith, Hope and Love, For
Then ev-ery day in Thy fa-vor I'll grow.

A Test

There are six sentences in this test.

There are six words to be put into the sentences.

Pick out the right word for each space.

day
us

children
God

see
Love

1. All the good in the world comes from
2. We cannot The One Who gave us a father and mother and all good things.
3. The best thing that God does for us is to give us of His
4. God wants to love Him.
5. God wants us to ask Him every for more and more of His Love.
6. When God's Love is in us we are His very dear

Ask someone at home if you have picked out the right word for each space.

Write the sentences in your First Communion Notebook.



GOD IS ALL GOOD

Music by
CORNELIA S. CRANE

Dear God Thy gifts are ev - 'ry - where

All that I have, all comes from Thee

But though Thou send - est man - y gifts,

Thy love is dear - est un - to me.

A Test

The first and last parts of six prayers are given in this test.

Ask someone at home if you have put the right parts of the prayers together.

..... You. Please give me more and more of Your Love.

..... my heart with Thy Faith, Hope and Love.

..... my Father. I believe that You love me.

..... believe in Thy dear Love for me.

..... that I shall always keep Your Love in me.

..... gifts are everywhere.

1. Dearest God, fill

2. O my God, I believe that You are

3. Dear God, Thy

4. O my God, I hope

5. O God, I

6. O my God and my Father, I love

Write these prayers in your First Communion Notebook or on project pages.

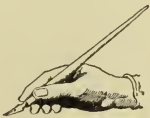
Ask your father or mother to write your name in the blank spaces and to sign the page if you have done this work correctly.

-can name ten of God's gifts of love.
-can tell which of God's gifts is the very best one.
-can tell the reason why God can give us greater love than any one else.
-knows what the priest told Tom and Ann to ask for every day.
-knows what makes us God's very dear children.
-can answer the next three questions.

What did you tell God when you said the Act of Faith?
What did you tell God when you said the Act of Hope?

When you said an Act of Love, what gift did you ask God to give you?

-knows the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love.
-can do the tests on pages 13, 18 and 20.
-has finished the project work asked for on pages 7 and 11.
-can say or sing the verses on pages 12, 17 and 19.



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Parent's Signature



Project Page

If you have no First Communion Notebook, use these project pages to do what is asked for on page 11.

Project Page

A few of God's gifts of love, told in pictures and sentences.

Project Page

Draw or paste a picture of a very nice scene which shows many of God's gifts of love. Under the picture write a sentence thanking God for these gifts.

